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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, **first and joint** inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled; **PROBABILITY ESTIMATING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PEAK-TO-PEAK CLOCK SKEWS**, the application of which for a letter of patent was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 23, 2002 and the assigned application number of which is 10/082,563;

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of the United States provisional application No. 60/277,251 filed March 20, 2001, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the following agents and/or attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (if this application is assigned, I acknowledge that the appointed individuals do not represent me, and that instead they represent the assignee): Yasuo Muramatsu, Registration No. 38,684, and Hideki Muramatsu, Registration No. 45,577.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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